

Chum Line



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President's Message

Our June dinner meeting was well attended with lots of fishing reports and an interesting talk by Dick Helgren and Joe Valen, both up from Oceanside. I was especially interested in hearing Dick say that he thought we had a 50/50 chance at some albacore this year because of colder water and large area of upwelling. Prime fishing time is ahead and I would encourage you to talk to the various charter masters we have in the club. As noted on another page, some spots are still available on our *Sea Hawk* trips and signs of an impending calico 'breakout' are everywhere.

I wish to acknowledge in particular the efforts of Randy Sharon on behalf of the kid's trip and the many helpers—to be named in a future issue. This once-a-year DO-GOOD event is coming up July 10th and there is still time to sign up. Give Steve Simon a call at 818/980-7470.

We are basically a sportfishing club and I would like to solicit your comments on the following idea. When you use light line you are giving the fish a better chance to gain his freedom. It takes a bit more skill and patience—and luck—to land a fish whose weight is larger than the breaking strength of the line. My suggestion is that we honor people, by giving awards, to those who as true "sportsmen," catch fish with at least a 1:1 ratio and possibly even higher. The IGFA has a special category for 5:1 fishermen. If you catch a 100 lb. tuna on 130 lb. line, you might go home with a smile on your face, but are you a sportsman? Obviously this will require some skullduggery on the part of the board and further refinement, but let me have your thoughts. Write your letters to the *Chum Line*, and we'll publish them.

Joe Mahfet, President

LARRC Honors Marty Laskowitz

The first game fish for
each year will
henceforth be known
as the Marty
Laskowitz trophy
according to a reso-
lution passed by the
board.



We Have A New Dinner Meeting Location For July

In our search to find the "perfect" meeting location, we are going to be having the July 31st dinner meeting at the following location:

Palm Court Restaurant
11111 Santa Monica Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90025
310/288-1490

The Palm Court is located on the northwest corner of Santa Monica Blvd. and Sepulveda Blvd. on the lobby level of a high-rise building. Free underground parking is located next to the building entrance on Sepulveda Blvd. The cost of dinner remains the same — \$25.00.

DIRECTIONS:

From the San Fernando Valley—Take the 405 freeway south and exit at Santa Monica Blvd. At the signal, make a left turn. Continue east to Sepulveda Blvd. and make a left turn. The entrance to the underground parking will be immediately on your left. The restaurant is located on the lobby level.

From the Los Angeles area—Take the 405 freeway north and exit at Santa Monica Blvd. At the signal make a right turn. Continue east to Sepulveda Blvd. and make a left turn. The entrance to the underground parking will be immediately on your left. The restaurant is located on the lobby level.

For those native Los Angelenos—I'm assuming you know your way around this area very well. Just note that the restaurant is located on "big" Santa Monica Blvd.

TUNA NEWS

South Pacific Albacore Fishery

The 1994-95 U.S. South Pacific albacore fishery got under way in late December. Participation in the fishery remains at a low level this season with approximately 14 vessels in the fishery. Poor catches in recent years and reports of El Niño-type conditions in the western Pacific have prompted many U.S. troll vessels to forgo the South Pacific albacore season.

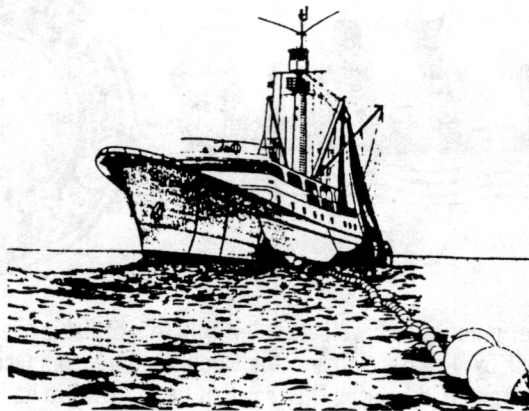
However, preliminary reports indicate that a successful season is under way. Most of the U.S. vessels have already unloaded a second time. Catch rates have been reported in the 1,000 fish per day range, with consistent daily catches of 500 fish. Average size is reported to be larger than normal. Total landings for the 1995-95 season are expected to greatly surpass the previous season's total of just over 600 mt.

(Report provided by John Childers, NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, La Jolla CA)

Japan Bluefin Cage Culture

Scientists from Kinki University have worked on breeding and rearing bluefin tuna in cages since the 1970s. Despite initial setbacks, the program has shown steady progress. Fresh bluefin tuna grown to about 30 kg in cages are being sold at markets in Tokyo and Osaka at a wholesale price of about \$61 per kg. The higher price of cage-reared bluefin, compared to wild caught fish, is due to a greater fat content. The tuna are cultured in 30-meter by 30-meter cages in a water depth of about 25 meters at the University's Ohshima Experimental Station near Kushimoto. Researchers are still working on a breeding program; currently the fish for the cages are caught as 100-300 gm juveniles in trawl operations.

(INFOFISH Trade News, February 3, 1995)



New Fishing Regulations Posted by Mexico

New sportfishing regulations announced March 9 — and reported on last week in WON — have been translated. The new laws released by Julia Carabias Lillo, Mexico's new Secretary of Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries, include the following of special interest to U.S. anglers:

4.4 — No fishing license will be required for surf fishing, but the angler must observe special rules on species and limits (to be announced "soon")

4.5 — The practice of subaquatic fishing will be done free diving, with no tank.

4.6.1 — An angler may use only one rod or one handline at a time. Gagnions will be limited to four hoods. Treble hooks are not permitted.

4.6.2 — Maximum capacity fishing line allowed is 130 pounds (60 kilograms).

4.6.4 — Electric reels will be allowed only for disabled people.

4.6.5 — The angler may use live bait only for catching the first two fish of the day, but thereafter may use fresh dead or frozen bait. Bait used shall be no other than marine bait from the sea.

4.6.6 — Chumming will not be allowed under any circumstances except during approved tournaments.

4.7.1 — Anglers are limited to 10 fish per day, with no more than 5 of any single species. In the case of shark, marlin, sailfish and swordfish, the limit is 1 per day per angler. The limit for sabalo, dorado, and roosterfish is 2 per day per angler.

4.7.2 — In freshwater fishing, the limit is 5 fish per day per person.

4.8 — On trips of more than three days duration, the angler will be held to just three days' limits.

4.0 — After a limit is accomplished, catch and release is allowed, presuming the condition of the fish is acceptable for release.

4.11 — Sportfishing is subject to weight and size limitations established by each PESCA (fisheries) office in each region.

4.12 — Sportfishing is not allowed in "off-season zones and areas," within 250 meters of commercial vessels; within 250 meters of beaches where people may be swimming; in protected natural preserve zones except by special permission.

4.13 — The fish caught is the property of the person indicated on his or her fishing license.

4.14 — No fish may be filleted on board the vessel.

4.15 — The owner of a sportfishing boat must have on board all the required permits and licenses for the boat and all fishermen, plus a log book, and show them when asked. (The log books will be supplied by PESCA and must be turned in once a month.)

4.16 — Operators of sportfishing boats with outboard motors do not have to have a log book on board "but should have one."

4.17.4 — Sport fishing operators must allow an observer aboard when designated by the office of Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries.

4.20.2 — Sportfishing boats can not use nets, longlines, explosives or toxic substances.

4.22 — Sportfishing boats can not anchor closer than 15 meters from a coral reef.

Some club members seemed unaware of these regulations as published in Fred Hctor's column in W.O.N. SAC officials are currently in Mexico attempting to have these modified.

TO: All Fellow LARRC Members
 FROM: Bob Selvin
 RE: 1995 "King of the Calicos" Tournament

As most of you know by now, everything about the June 7 scheduled tournament was perfect...the picking of teams, the raffle prizes, the calcutta...except the weather. Due to high winds, rough seas and the prospect of the water temperature dropping even lower than it already was, the prudent decision was to cancel and re-schedule.

After speaking the following day to several members who were kind enough to call me and strongly supported my decision, and to Merit, who conceded that we would have been scratching around in poor conditions, I feel very comfortable that I did the right thing.

The entry fee was \$100 with the option that \$80 be returned to players who can't make the new date...Wednesday, Oct. 18. The other \$20 will be kept by the club to absorb the cost of the raffle prizes, the Big Hammer gift packs and paying Rick Craddick of the "Charger" for fuel.

This means that by cancelling a trip that would have been uncomfortable and windy at best, we still have enough money left so that each player can fish on the new date at no additional cost. And the outstanding slate of prizes remains intact.

Whereas there will be no tournament raffle or gift pack on Oct. 18, the entry fee will be \$80 and open to any other LARRC members that couldn't make it on June 7.

Depending on the number of dropouts (those that were scheduled to fish on June 7, but can't on Oct. 18) and the number of additions, I will decide at a later date whether it will be necessary to pick the teams over again or perhaps even add a third boat.

Scheduling the tournament in mid-October gives us a chance of fishing with live squid, according to Craddick. October also seemed to be a popular month to re-schedule in an informal poll of the members.

Departure time is still not set, but the "Charger" will depart from its own landing and the "Seahawk" from its own landing. The skippers will have the option of fishing wherever they want.

Please contact me at 310/652-1100, as soon as possible if you need to be a dropout or would like to fish in the tournament.



Letters to LARRC

Membership News

LARRC Welcomes...

Bryan Bach, welcome to LARRC. Bryan is a label company executive

Al Spievack has applied for membership. Al lists himself as a boat broker.

Chum line Contributors this Month....

DON LEE

WILL EBERSMAN

BARRY FISCHER

ARNIE COHEN

BOB THOMPSON

DAN FELGER

PAM WARREN

RANDY SHARON

Goodwill & Cheer

by Otto Painter

Julian Wolf looking good after his 'skin' job

Bob Brody hampered by sciatica

Abe Zide was at the dinner meeting—we were happy to greet him—stay clean man!

Bunny Cohen back home after a mild stroke.

Harold Goodman better after his heart attack. He says he's ready for some light tackle stuff!

Happy Birthday (6/29) Judge Irv Harris

Condolences to George Mio. His mother passed away.



Dedicated to Fishing, Fun, Relaxation, and Companionship!

TO: LARRC Chum Line Editor
FROM: Bob Thompson
RE: Horowitz v. Wolf/Goodman v. Lawyers (June '55 Chum Line)
Date: June 15, 1995

The case of Horowitz v. Wolf is decided before it starts. Trust me, courts do this all the time.

The issue is whether Wolf sexually assaulted Horowitz or vice (you should pardon the expression) versa. We know that doctors pay almost as much in malpractice premiums as they lose on tax shelters. The malpractice premiums are caused by lawyers. In short doctors screw only the IRS, a fact not relevant to this case, while lawyers screw doctors. This also is not relevant because Julian Wolf, once having considered being a lawyer, abandoned the idea. But Wolf instead went into the insurance business, and insurance companies screw everybody.

Much as I hate to abort the venture of the esteemed Dr. Goodman into law, Wolf loses before the trial begins.

Editors Note: With this erudite diagnosis of the doctors vs attorneys dialog, I hope future writers on this topic will be discouraged. i.e. Enough Already!

TO: LARRC Members
FROM: Will Ebersman
RE: U.S. Ban of Mexican Tuna Imports

The following is a capsule version of an article I read in the LA Times recently (5/30/95) and from which some of this article is quoted.

It is claimed that an embargo imposed by the United States in 1990, as a result of our dolphin safe tuna requirements, has caused 4,000 workers in Ensenada to become idled. Seventy of eighty-eight tuna boats once fishing out of this port are gone and complaints to our State Department have become loud and clear. It is expected that the U.S. Government will modify or limit the ban.

Lifting the embargo would give a shot in the arm to the beleaguered city and its fishing industry, which after tourism provides the most revenue. New investment in line with NAFTA policies would provide a major competitive advantage.

Opposed are U.S. conservation groups. They acknowledge that Mexicans have significantly lowered dolphin mortality but claim that consumers will only buy dolphin safe brands available in all U.S. markets. The use of purse seine nets had been the cause for the passage of the Marine Mammal Protection Act in the first place. Mexican fishermen, are said to have trapped and killed 133,000 dolphins in the eastern pacific in 1986.

Observers placed by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission have helped to reduce the kill from 15 per haul of fish to about one at this time. Mexican officials have said that they've done everything suggested and now claim the embargo is nothing but "disguised commercial aggression."

More Letters to LARRC

Volunteer Fishing Buddies Sought by L.A. County Fish & Game Commission

The Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission is seeking experienced anglers interested in volunteering to participate on the August 14, 1995 Kid's Fishing Trip.

Volunteer Fishing Buddies will help Kids, 8 to 15 years old, learn to fish safely while they catch bay fish from the "Isle of Redondo" Barge. Fishing Buddies will also assist with other boat/barge/shore activities for the Kids' Fishing Trip.

Prospective Volunteer Fishing Buddies are urged to contact Rita Thomas of Commission Services at (213) 974-1431 for additional information.





Kids' Trip Background BY DAN FELGER

On Monday, July 10, 1995, the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club for the 46th consecutive year sponsored an "Underprivileged Kids' Fishing Trip." Those members who participated know that the undertaking is no small task. The time and effort put forth by the committee chairmen and volunteer deck hands is staggering. Not only was LARRC the first Southern California rod and reel club to sponsor a day of fishing for disadvantaged youngsters, no other club has consistently committed to an undertaking of this magnitude.

The first trip for underprivileged boys was in June, 1950 under the chairmanship of Max Fenmore. The 50 lucky youths were selected by the Honorable Judge A.A. Scott, then presiding judge of the juvenile courts. Participation was based solely on exemplary behavior and an interest in sport fishing. Norm Hagen, owner of Norm's landing in Newport, provided the then modern "Sport King." Tackle was furnished by "member emeritus" Norm Elowitz and Norm's Landing. Each participating member paid \$10.00 for the privilege of serving as deck hand. The trip was a huge success. In addition to a good catch of Barracuda, the 50 boys consumed 191 hamburgers and 14 cartons of candy bars.

In 1951, the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club took 76 boys on 2 boats and "deck hands" paid \$15.00. The next year 200 kids, who were selected by The Honorable William B. McKesson, participated. They fished aboard 7 boats provided once again by Norm's Landing and included "Sport King," "Music," "Valencia III," "Norden," and "Speed King." In addition to the usual hot dogs, hamburgers, candy, etc., several club members, including your author, spent most of the previous day at Joe Chastek's Vagabond House restaurant making roast beef and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Yellowtail were as thick as fleas under floating kelp patties 2-3 miles off the Newport jetty. Over 100 of the 12-20-pound fish were landed out of over 500 hook-ups. My God, what tangles!

Subsequent years saw LARRC sponsoring 200-300 kids per trip. In the 70s, we recognized that young ladies also enjoy fishing and the outing designation changed from "Underprivileged Boys" to "Underprivileged Kids." Another big change in these trips was the restructuring of the format from boats to barges. Unfortunately, this was necessary due to the tremendous cost of the boats and the lack of quality fishing along our coast.

Wednesday Charter Update

Arnie Cohen, Chartermaster Extraordinaire, writes:

The salmon bite will be just about over when you read this. The trip on June 21st went for calicos after a tough fight with those that wanted more salmon. Most had half limits of calicos but I think this was because most of us forgot how to fish for them we caught six undersize seabass, 1 shark and a seal named Maurice (Levy) because it wouldn't get out of the stern corner.

Good news is that Merit has, new galley gal, Diane Ramsgard, who set out a great spread, bagels, cream cheese, muffins, a fruit bowl (are you paying attention Abe Zide?) and everyone was impressed.

There are still some openings for the July 26th trip and later dates. You'all come now!

Call Arnie Cohen at (818) 366-3300

LA Rod & Reel Club Foundation Announces Auction

Barry Fischer advises that the Foundation will be hosting an auction of used (and some new) fishing equipment at the Sept. 25th dinner meeting. All items are donations by LARRC club members & friends. We are still in need of more merchandise to be auctioned off. Please call Norm Weinstock, Joel Steinman or me, Barry Fischer to arrange for the pickup of your donations. 818/501-0145.

The benefits of this auction will go to the Foundation for the purpose of financing future Kids's Trips. Dan Fink has agreed to be the auctioneer.

RANDOLPH M. SHARON

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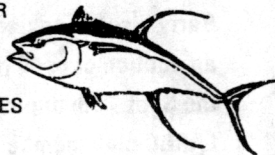
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Trophy Contenders as of June 22, 1995

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.
OCEAN WATERS				
Calico Bass	N/A	Earl Warren	4	8
Halibut	20	Dan Felger	21	8
Salmon, King	4	Dave Neufeld	20	0 *
Salmon, King	4	Royal Mac Nair	11	2 *
Salmon, King	6	Royal Mac Nair	13	15 *
Salmon, King	12	Dave Neufeld	18	8
Salmon, King	12	Bill Vogel	18	0
Salmon, King	12	Joel Steinman	11	0
Salmon, King	16	Dan Felger	14	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	30	Jason Lash	78	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Marty Laskowitz	165	5 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Mark O'Brien	155	2
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Randy Sharon	125	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Bill Vogel	125	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Dan Felger	108	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Miro Hussenjian	105	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	80	Dan Felger	145	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Howard Weinberger	155	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Randy Sharon	135	0
Wahoo	16	Eric Rogger	46	2 *
Wahoo	30	Bill Vogel	38	0
Wahoo	50	Dave Neufeld	55	0
White Sea Bass	12	Steve Simon	15	2
FRESH WATER				
Steelhead	8	Earl Warren	16	8
MEN'S RELEASED				
Bonefish	8	Jack Wax	N/A	
Marlin, Blue	130	Randy Sharon	N/A	
Sailfish	12	Lad Rubaum	N/A	
Sailfish	20	Lad Rubaum	N/A	
Sailfish	30	Lad Rubaum	N/A	
Steelhead (25)	8	Earl Warren	N/A	
Tuna, Yellowfin	80	Steve Simon	N/A	
LADIES				
Salmon, King	16	B.J. Greenfield	21	0
LADIE'S RELEASED				
Amberjack	30	Sally Vickers	N/A	
Tuna, Yellowfin (3)	50	Sally Vickers	N/A	
JUNIORS				
Salmon, King	16	Daniel Nisenbaum	17	0
Tarpon	20	Brian Taper	74	4 *

Reminder: To be eligible for a trophy a member shall have attended a minimum of three regular meetings during the calendar year. This rule does not apply to junior members or ladies.

Weight certificates must be signed by a witness to the catch and witness to the weight, other than the angler.

Weight certificates must be postmarked within 15 days of the catch, unless a written explanation is submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

Send Weight Slips To:

Dan Felger
5530 Corbin Avenue, Suite 120
Tarzana, California 91356
FAX: 818 708-3657

Meetings

	Dinner Meetings	Board Meetings
Jul	31	24
Aug	28	21
Sep	18	11
Oct	30	23
Nov	27	20
Dec	Dark	11
Jan '96	29	22
Feb '96 Awards	25	12

LARRC Other Events

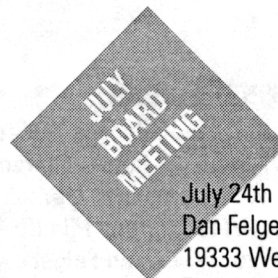
July 10	LARRC Kids' Trip Redondo Barge
July 30	LARRC "Beginners' Trip"
Sep8-13	LARRC Trip — Qualifier 105
Sept 18	LARRC Foundation Auction
Oct 18	King of the Calicos Re-scheduled Trip

Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club
2nd Annual
"Take a Beginner Fishing Trip"

A wonderful opportunity to take kids, grand-kids, nieces, nephews, friends, neighbors, wife or girlfriend and both show and share your love of fishing.

When: Sunday, July 30
Where: Cisco's Landing, Channel Islands HarborBoat:
The big, wide, comfortable, smooth-riding "Speed Twin"
Time: Depart, 9:00am, Return, 3:00pm
Price: \$25.00 per person

For more information or reservations call:
Earl Shimon 818/780-7980



July 24th
Dan Felger's
19333 Wells Dr.
Tarzana, CA 91356
818/708-3278 office
As a courtesy to the hosts please RSVP if not a board member.
Time: 6:00 pm
Meeting: 7:00 pm



July 31st
Palm Court Restaurant
11111 Santa Monica Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90025
310/288-1490
Cocktails at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm



LARRC Charters 1995

LARRC WEDNESDAY CHARTERS ON THE SEA HAWK LXV
SEA LANDING — SANTA BARBARA
7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23, 9/13, 9/27, 10/25, 11/8-9*, 11/22, 12/6
*2-Day trip to San Miguel

1. Departure Time will be at 5:00 am, from Sea Landing, Santa Barbara. However, some trips may depart earlier. These earlier departures will be at the sole discretion of the CHARTER MASTER after consultation with the Skipper.
2. The trips will be planned for local surface calico bass; however, opportunities to fish for exotics, such as white sea bass and yellowtail, will take precedent. Also, several trips will be for light tackle rock fish and/or halibut at Santa Rosa or San Miguel Island. Other trips may be to Point Conception.
3. Return time will usually be 4:30 - 5:00pm, but could be earlier or later depending on fishing conditions and weather, and will be determined by the Skipper.
4. Bunks will be on a first come basis and cannot be reserved. However, the CHARTER MASTER may reserve two, large forward bunks for those participants who because of age or physical limitations require special consideration. If you think you qualify please let the CHARTER MASTER know.
5. Loads will be limited to 16 adults or 17 people if juniors are participating. The CHARTER MASTER reserves the right to overbook by one.
6. Cost: \$75.00 5:00am departure 2-day Trip — \$245 2am departure
\$95.00 2:00am departure
Junior members pay 50% (up to 2 per trip). With the uncertainty of fuel costs there may be a fare adjustment.
7. Charter price includes trip, bait, soft drinks, beer, icing fish, BREAKFAST AND LUNCH. Not included are tips and fish cleaning. (Please be generous with the tips for the crew).
8. Reservations should be made through Arnie Cohen, 11101 Viking Ave., Northridge, CA 91326, Phone-Msg. Ctr. (818) 366-3300, Home Phone (818) 368-5834, FAX (818) 366-4945. Your reservation, written or verbal, is your commitment to pay, even if you do not go, and your agreement to abide by club charter policies as established by the CHARTER MASTER.



**The Dinner Hot Line
number is:
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USE IT!**

July Dinner Speaker Announced

The speaker at the July 26th dinner meeting will be Danny Kadota, representative of G. Loomis Fishing rods. The Loomis rods are considered by many to be the state-of-the-art graphite fishing rod. Danny will bring to the meeting many of his Loomis rods, including prototypes of rods which will soon be sold to the public. In addition, Danny will talk about how the rods are manufactured, and how these rods can improve your fishing success.

